

**A G E N D A**  
***City Council Meeting***  
***Monday, April 1, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.***

➤ **OPENING**

- **Call to Order**
- **Invocation by Pastor Hugh Thompson, Garden City Primitive Baptist Church**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations:**
  - **Recognition of GCPD 2018 Officer of the Year Kirk Brennaman**
  - **Introduction of GCPD K9 Wolfi**

➤ **RECEIVE INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ **RECEIVE FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

➤ **Approval of City Council Minutes**

- **Consideration of City Council Minutes (3/18/19) and Workshop Synopsis (3/25/19).**

➤ **Staff Reports**

- **Receive Monthly Departmental Report from Director of Human Resources**
- **Receive Monthly Departmental Report from Director of Information Technology**
- **Receive Monthly Departmental Report from Director of Parks & Recreation**

➤ **City Manager's Updates & Announcements**

➤ **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (Old Dean Forest Road):** An ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone Lot No. 1, Lot No. 2, Lot No. 3, Dean Forest Commercial Subdivision, owned by Katherine C. Ward as Executrix under the last will and testament of John Nick Constantine, Sr., deceased, from their present zoning classification of "P-C2A" to an "I-1 zoning classification.
- **Ordinance, Charter Amendment – Mayor & City Council Compensation:** An ordinance to amend Section 2.04, Article II, of the Charter of Garden City, Georgia, to increase the salaries of Mayor and Councilmembers pursuant to Section 36-35-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended.

- **Resolution, 2019 LMIG Program – Contract Award:** A resolution of the Mayor and Council to enter into a contract with Sikes Brothers, Inc., in the bid amount of \$125,500.00, for the performance of all such road repair work constituting the 2019 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Project.

## ➤ **ADJOURN**

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Pastor Dale Simmons, Jasper Springs Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kimberly Tice. Absent: Councilmember Rosetta Cody.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to excuse Councilmember Cody for medical reasons.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Kurt Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; and Ben Brengman, IT Director.

**Presentations**

**Life Saving Award:** Mayor Bethune and Chief Ballard presented a Life Saving Award to Police Officer Jennifer Meeks.

**Fire Department Promotions:** Mayor Bethune and Chief Medeiros promoted Lt. Anthony Brannen and Lt. Michelle Johnson to the rank of Captain.

**Information Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Mr. Garrett, 218 Dean Forest Road came forward to address City Council on the old Dean Forest Road rezoning request.

Mayor Bethune said we'll open the public hearing to receive public comment on the rezoning request later in the meeting.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public portion of the meeting.

**Formal Public Comment**

**Garden City Housing Team – Recap 2018 – 2019:** Ms. Sharon Bethune, Co-Chair of the Garden City Housing Team provided an overview of the team's 2018 housing projects and upcoming activities and projects planned for 2019. She thanked all the volunteers and sponsors for their help and support.

## **Public Hearings**

**PC1905, Rezoning Request (Old Dean Forest Road):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Bob Burdell, applicant, to rezone Lot 2, 2A, and 2B on Old Dean Forest Road from P-C2A to I-1 for desired land use as warehouse operations and truck/trailer parking.

Mr. Terry Coleman, Coleman Company, said I represent the applicant Bob Burdell. The property is located behind the Pilot. The front portion of the property is zoned P-C2A and the back portion is zoned I-1 for lighter industrial. Mr. Burdell is asking for the property to be rezoned to I-1 to develop as warehouse distribution. I would like you all to consider in your decision that the mobile home park is already zoned I-1. Most of the concerns brought up at the Planning Commission meeting were regarding noise and traffic. We have not done a noise study, but I believe the majority of the noise would be in comparison to the noise coming from I-16. A combination of berms and heavy landscaping could be used as a buffer. There was a lot of talk at the Planning Commission about our access to Dean Forest Road. We are asking for the rezoning. We have not put together a site plan yet.

Mayor Bethune said are the warehouses going to be spec warehouses? Mr. Bob Burdell, developer said they will be spec warehouses. He said on the back of the building backing up to the mobile home park there will be a parking lot for employee parking. The parking lot will also serve as a buffer to the park. There will not be a lot of trailer storage onsite.

Councilmember Daniel said how many loading docks? Mr. Coleman said there are approximately 224 spread over the two buildings.

Councilmember Daniel said what are you storing? Mr. Burdell said it will be products from the Ports. We are looking at having good tenants with no hazardous materials being stored onsite.

Councilmember Tice said will you accommodate the 350 foot buffer? Mr. Coleman said we can't do a 350 foot buffer. The mobile home park is already zoned I-1, so it would not require a 350 foot buffer since it is zoned light industrial.

Councilmember Tice said I'm concern about the truck traffic with the children getting on and off the school bus. She asked Chief Ballard his thoughts. Chief Ballard said I don't have enough information right now. The bus loads and unloads on Village Drive. One of my concerns would be the truck and the school bus trying to come out at the same time.

Mr. Jeff Ansley said my construction company borders their property. He said how will they get water to their site?

Ms. Michelle Ansley said how may trucks will there be per day? Trucks line up would create a big problem in the area.

Mr. Coleman said a traffic study will need to be done. The City has sewer and the developer will put in their own water tank, which will have to be permitted through the State. The development will be in the same style as CenterPoint.

There being no further questions of comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 3/4/19 and workshop synopsis dated 3/11/19.

**Staff Reports**

Planning Director presented the Planning & Zoning Department's report for the month of February.

City Manager presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of February.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of February.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of February.

**City Manager's Updates & Announcements:** City Manager said I have not updates or announcements.

**Items for Consideration**

**Resolution, Convention & Visitors Bureau Members Reappointment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to reappoint Patt Gunn and Ed Chapman to serve as voting members on the Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority until their successors are appointed within 45 days of the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council in January 2021.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

*Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council*

*Accepted and approved by: City Council 4/1/19*

**Synopsis**  
**City Council Workshop**  
**Monday, March 25, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** City Manager called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. He said Mayor Bethune will be late to the workshop. Councilmember Cody is running late due to the traffic being backed up on Dean Forest Road. Councilmember Campbell offered the invocation.

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief, Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; and Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor.

**Visitor:** Terry Coleman, Coleman Company

**Ordinance - Compensation for Mayor and City Council:** City Manager said the ordinance that Jim prepared is in your packet. City Attorney said this has to be done in two steps. The first step is for City Council to approve the ordinance at the next council meeting so I can move forward with the advertising. We're require to be advertised it in the Savannah Morning Newspaper for three weeks prior to adoption at the Mayo 6th.

After a brief discussion, City Council recommended placing the ordinance on the April 1<sup>st</sup> council agenda for formal consideration. City Council directed the City Attorney to move forward with the required advertising for adoption at the May 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**2019 LMIG Contract Award:** City Manager said the paving work budget was \$150,000 for 2019. Sikes Brothers bid came in at \$125,500, which is below the budgeted amount. The Public Works Director is familiar with them and that they have done a good job in the past.

City Council recommended moving forward with placing the 2019 LMIG contract award on the April 1<sup>st</sup> council agenda for formal consideration.

**PC1905, Rezoning Request – Old Dean Forest Road:** City Attorney said this is just a very small piece of the property that the applicant is buying. I recommend Mr. Coleman and his client look at the buffer now, because I don't like buffer conditions. When you include buffer conditions and then the property is sold ten years later who is going to research the buffering requirements. The Planning Commission would be within their rights to require conditions that would then need to be worked out between Ron Alexander and Mr. Coleman. All that Council is deciding is the zoning which is not relative to what is going there.

Councilmember Kicklighter said the information they provided at the council meeting was good, but everyone was getting off task at the meeting. We should only be deciding the zoning.

Special Projects Coordinator said if the rezoning moves forward then further research would be provided, because a DRI would need to be sent out for further comment from surrounding jurisdictions. She said A

DRI is sent out for all projects over \$500,000. This is over one million, which is DRI eligible. The DRI will help with DOT's involvement as well as oversight by other agencies.

Councilmember Daniel said I believe I should excuse myself, because of my son being John Constantine's grandson. City Attorney said Councilmember Daniel will need to excuse herself due to the family's interests.

Mr. Coleman said if the DRI doesn't come back favorably then the client may back out.

Mayor Bethune said the one thing that bothers me is the setback issue, because of the people living in the mobile home park.

City Manager said staff will need to get with them on the buffer conditions.

Planning Director said we have started the dialog on the buffer.

Mr. Coleman said our objection at the meeting was due to a misunderstanding of the size of the buffer. Your ordinance requires a 50 foot buffer not a 350 foot buffer. There was no way we could do a 350 foot buffer. We are ready to offer something for a 50 foot buffer.

City Manager said we can come back to you at the next workshop and schedule the vote for the April 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Councilmember Kicklighter said if he agrees to a 50 foot buffer, then I say no need to wait to vote on it.

City Manager said we can put it on the agenda. You can always table it.

Councilmember Daniel said they can actually take the bigger piece of property that is already zoned I-1 and build on it. The property up for rezoning is the smaller piece of property.

City Council recommended moving forward with placing the rezoning request on the April 1<sup>st</sup> council agenda for formal consideration.

**Mayor's Updates:** Mayor Bethune said we had a work day on a house in the Sharon Park neighborhood. He said we had about 50 volunteers.

Mayor Bethune said we received \$44,000 in grant funding from Republic Waste to use on the Cooper Center. On May 18<sup>th</sup> Republic Waste employees will be working on the playground. Also, Habitat Humanity received CHIP grant funding to build four houses in Rossignol Hill and four houses in Sharon Park. They should be starting in September on the houses in Rossignol Hill.

Councilmember Cody said how would someone find out about the houses? Mayor Bethune said there is information available through the Housing Team and/or Habitat Humanity.

#### **City Manager's Updates:**

**School Zone Traffic:** Chief Ballard said the cameras will still be recording speeders during the day not just when the flashers are working. Citations will be issued for anything over the regular speed limit during

the day. Jim is working with Redspeed on the contract. Enforcement signs will be posted on Highway 21, Fall Avenue, Ogeechee Road, etc.

City Manager said with the cameras running all day people are going to be getting tickets until they become accustomed to the cameras. He said no other community in Georgia has set this up. We are the first. Chief Ballard said there are other cities that are in the process of signing contract, but we are one of the first.

City Council recommended staff continue working with RedSpeed on the installation of the cameras in the school zones for the start of the new school.

**Garret Property:** City Manager said we will go through a similar site plan process with the Garret property. Jim and I are working with the developer to pay to upgrade Prosperity Drive. We would get a GEFA loan and the developer would pay the loan payment.

**Longevity Pay Update:** City Manager said that longevity incentive pay is based on years of service. In the adopted budget for FY2019 there is a placeholder for the longevity pay.

Councilmember Ruiz said how does the longevity pay work? City Manager said all full-time employees who are active on the City's payroll as of March 31, 2019, will be eligible to receive a longevity payment calculated by multiplying a flat rate of \$125 by the number of an employee's years of service.

Mayor Bethune said isn't there a cap at 20 years. Finance Director said employees who have 20 and greater years of service will receive a maximum longevity payment of \$2,500. She said the longevity payment will be processed during the first week of April.

City Manager said based on our current roster of full-time employees and their number of years of service as of March 31, 2019, the estimated cost is around \$87,000. He said this is a cost reduction of approximately (\$6,000) from previous years due to the retirement of several long-time employees with 15 or greater years.

City Manager said staff reviewed the year-to-date revenue collections and expenditures. Based on staff's review, the unanticipated revenue received from the following resources is available to fund the longevity pay.

- Georgia Power Electric Franchise Taxes came in 10% higher than projected for FY2019.
- Proceeds from the sale of the Telfair Road right-of-way to the adjacent property owners.
- Anticipated proceeds from the sale of the Biscuit Hill Road right-of-way to CenterPoint.

City Attorney asked if a resolution will need to be done for the longevity pay. Finance Director said the longevity pay was approved as part of compensation plan in the FY2019 Budget.

After a brief discussion, City Council recommended moving forward with paying the longevity incentive pay.



**Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate:** Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council unanimously voted to enter into executive session at 6:33 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted and approved by: City Council 4/1/19

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      **DATE:** April 1, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Human Resources Department Report for March 2019

**Report in Brief**

Attached is the Human Resources Department's Month End Report.

Prepared by: Pam Franklin

Title: Human Resources Director

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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City Manager

Attachment(s)

## Human Resources Department / Month End Report

### Recruitment/Positions filled

The City is recruiting for 2 Repair Technicians and continues ongoing recruitment for Police Officer and/or Police Officer Recruit and Part-time Firefighters.

### New Hires

During March the City hired 2 employees. A big welcome to Records Clerk, Jacqueline Williams and Deputy Clerk of Court, Harmony Piatkowski to full-time employment with the City of Garden City!

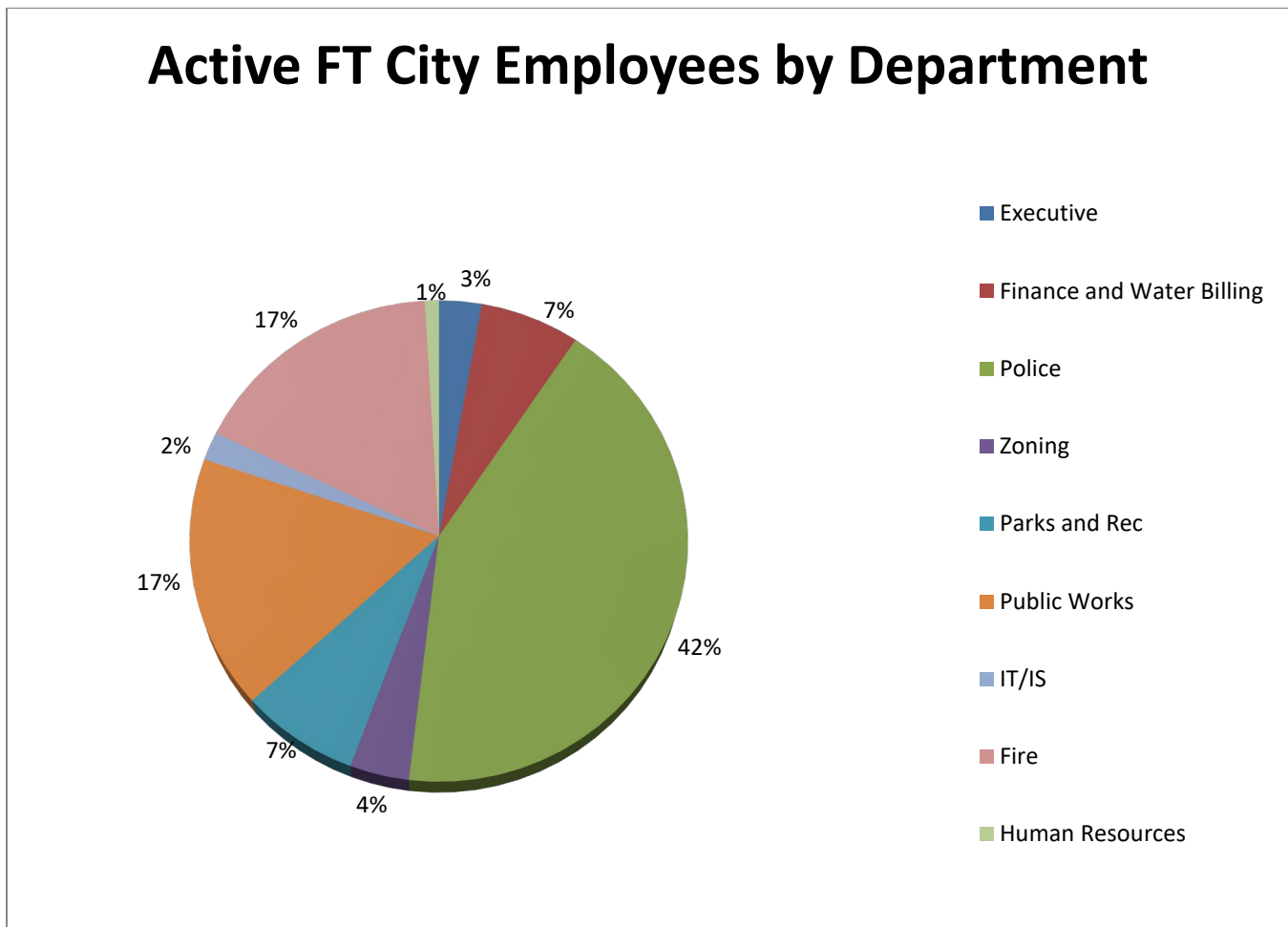
### Employment Terminations

There were no separations from employment with the City in February.

### City Employment

The City ended the month with a total of 106 full-time employees.

The chart below illustrates the percentage distribution by department of full-time employees with actual employee count by department to the right of each department.



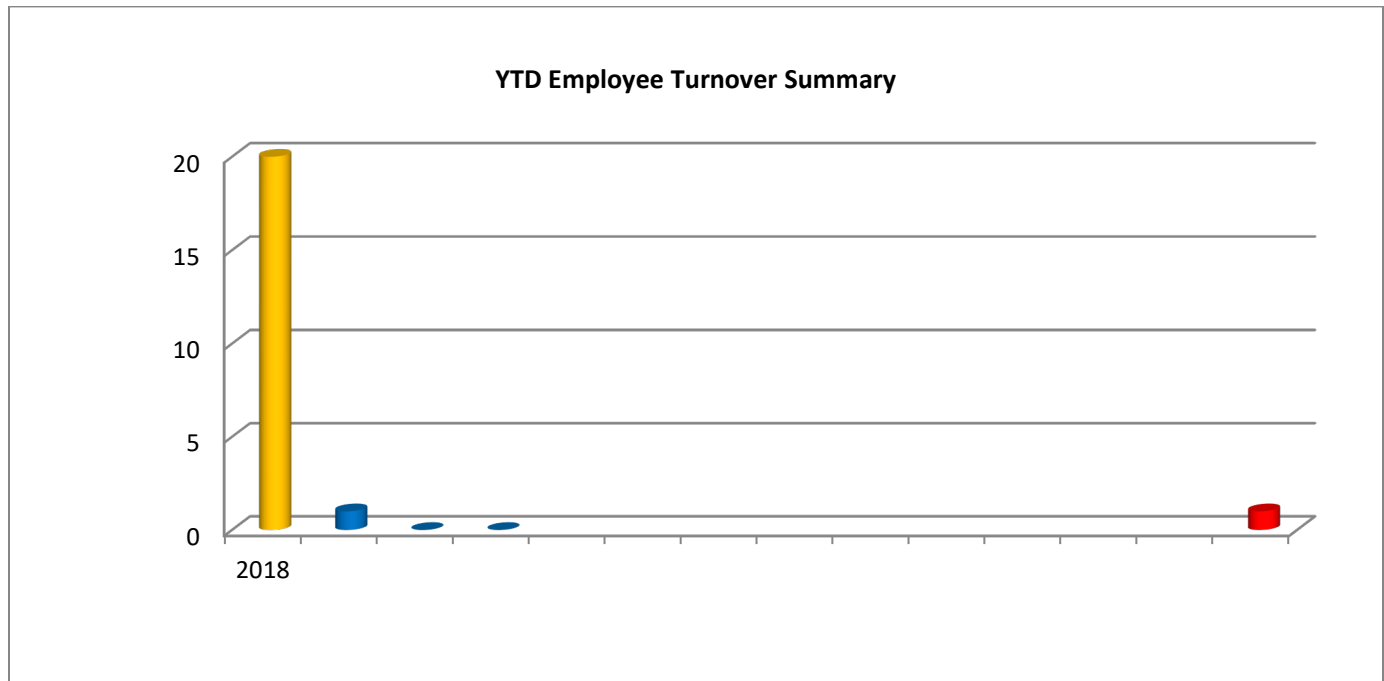
**FIGURE 1** NOTE: 2019 TOTAL COUNCIL APPROVED/BUDGETED POSITIONS IS

## EMPLOYEE TURNOVER DATA

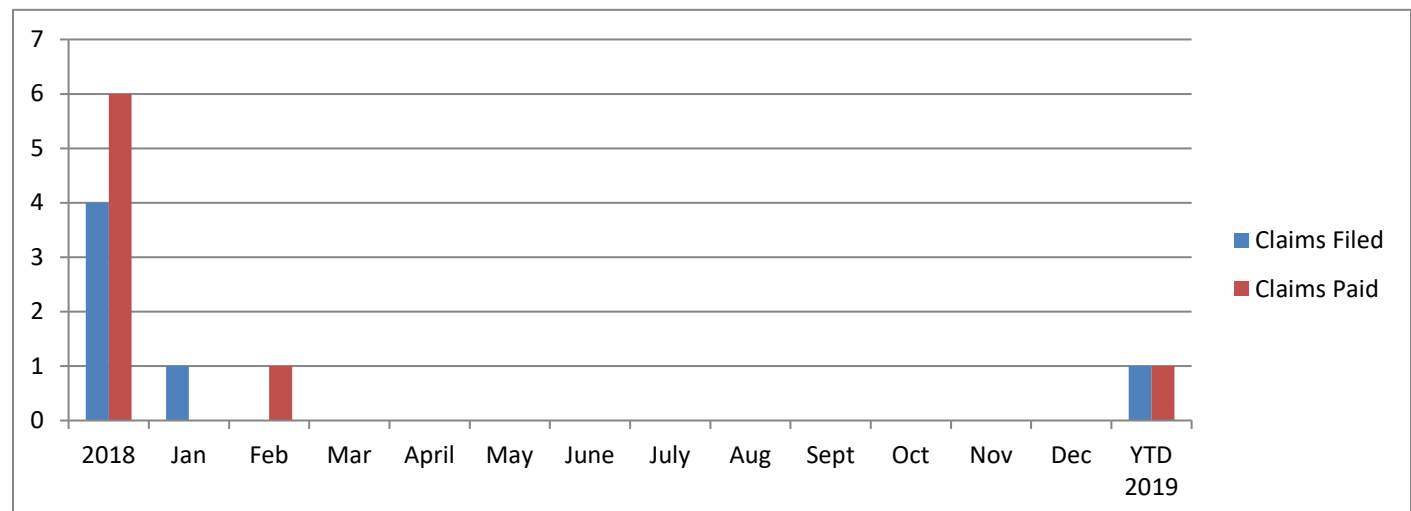
### *The City's turnover rate per month*

- January 1%
- February 0
- March 0

The graph below illustrates turnover in full time positions for current year 2019 compared to turnover occurring in the previous year.

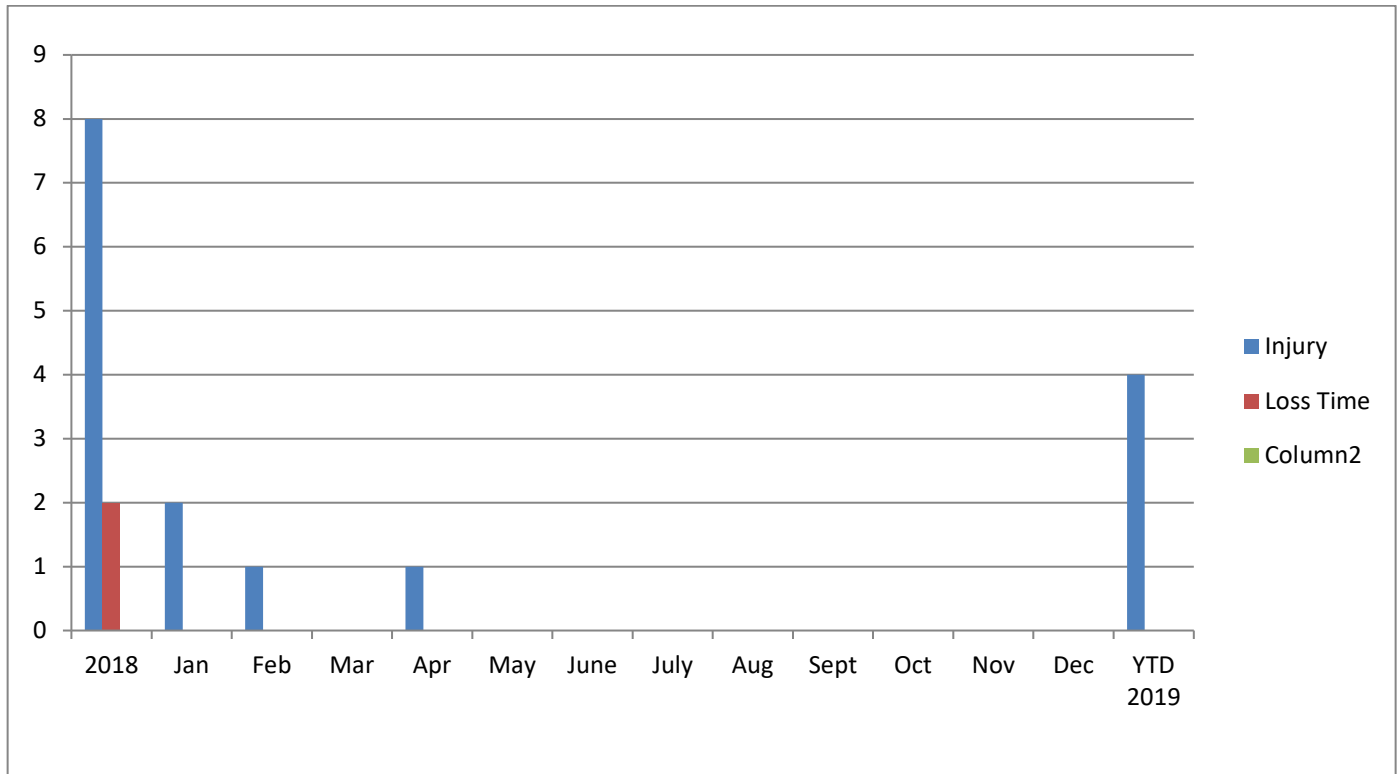


**Unemployment Claims:** No new claims for unemployment received during March.



## Workers Compensation

The City experienced one workplace incident with medical attention and no loss time during March.



**REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: 4/1/2019**  
**SUBJECT:    *Technology Department Report for the Month of March 2019***

**Report in Brief**

The Technology Department Monthly Status Report includes a wide variety of information in an effort to better inform the public and the City Council.

Prepared by: Benjamin Brengman  
Title                      Director of Information Technology

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title                      \_\_\_\_\_

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Ron Feldner, City Manager

Attachment(s)

## **Technology Report**

- Deployed one desktop computer.
- Completed the Watch Guard implementation.
- Started maintenance and replacing cameras at multiple Garden City locations.
- Repaired council/chambers audio issues.

## **Website**

- Currently we have 1057 followers on Facebook and 484 followers on twitter.

## **Building Maintenance**

- Completed routine maintenance on the HVAC system.
- Repaired two doors.

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## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM *Parks & Recreation*

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**      **DATE:** March 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

**SUBJECT: *Parks & Recreation 2019 March Report***

### **Report in Brief**

The Parks & Recreation Monthly Status Report includes a summary of the monthly activities and projects of all divisions within the Department. This report also provides information regarding key items of interest and/or activities throughout the month. Garden City Parks and Recreation Department March report. Our staff continues to relish opportunities to provide quality programming and facilities to our residents. We encourage all residents to engage themselves in a program of choice and begin reaping the emotions and physical rewards associated with teamwork, interaction and physical and mental activity.

The operations detail contained in this report is for the Month of March 2019 and all related information is current as of March 27, 2019.

Prepared by: Cliff Ducey  
Title Parks & Recreation Director

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Ron Feldner, City Manager

Attachment(s)

**Parks & Recreation Department  
Status Report  
Summary - March 2019**

**Adult/Youth/Sports Programs & Community Relations Activities/Events**

**Adult Programs**

**Senior Center**

During the Month of March an average of 40 Senior Citizens attended/participated in adult programs at the Senior Center. Total number of lunch meals served 750. ***Activities included: Devotion time, bingo, trivia, puzzles, dominoes, bridge, cards, pool and line dancing and muscle strengthening exercise.***

➤ ***Monthly Programs Offered***

- New programs are offered each month, so stop by the Garden City Senior Center to see *what's new*.

March was a very busy month for the Center and all senior activities were well attended. The Garden City Seniors also enjoyed 2 trips to Hilton Head and a night out to eat.

Upcoming events:

April 5<sup>th</sup> ,5pm the Garden City Senior Center a Low Country Boil will be provided Mayor Don Bethune and Councilwomen Kim Tice.

April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10am Cancer educational talk by Memorial Health.

April 18<sup>th</sup> @11am Hamburger and Hotdog Cookout at Sharon Park.

A fall trip to Pigeon Forge is planned for October.

Continuing "Healthy Eating " program the first Tuesday of each month with the County Extension Service.

Come join the fun!!

## Youth Programs

### Cooper Center

During the month of March, 15 per day Youths attended/participated in youth programs/after school.

**Activities included: Ping-Pong, indoor board games and playground.**

➤ **Monthly Programs Offered**

- Computer help
- Home Work help
- Ping Pong, Board games
- Outdoor fenced in playground and basketball court.

## Sports Programs/Activities

During the month of MARCH, 139 Youths participated in Garden City's Youth Sport Programs.

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- Baseball -80
- T-ball 15
- Summer Basketball -20
- Gymnastics - 24

➤ **Upcoming Sports Programs/Events**

➤ **Sign-ups**

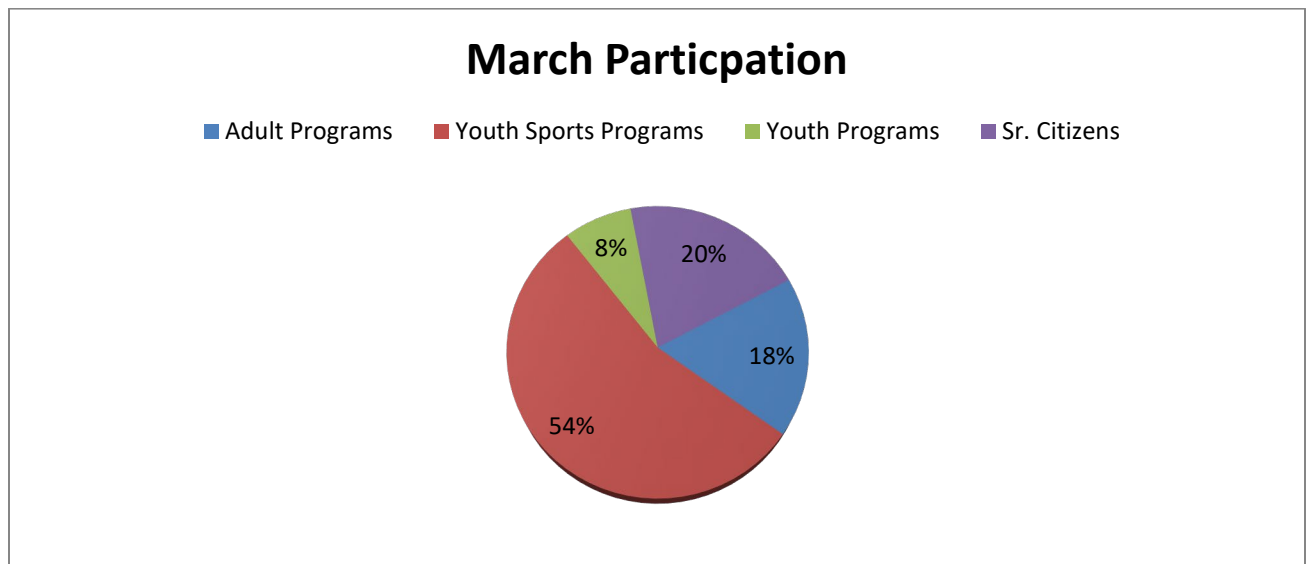
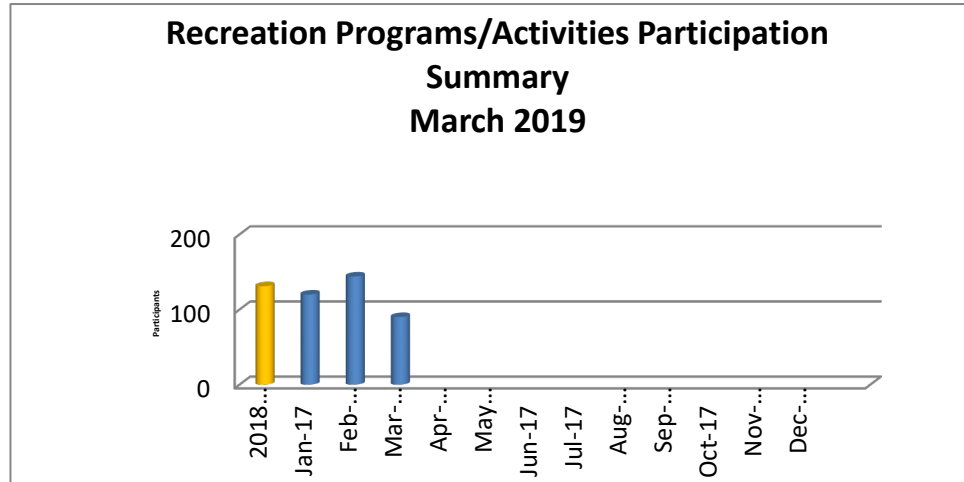
- Baseball registration underway (ages 6- 14).
- Softball registration underway (ages 6-12).
- T-Ball registration underway (ages 3-5).

Sign-up taken at Garden City Gym Monday –Friday 8:30am – 5pm (check or money order only)

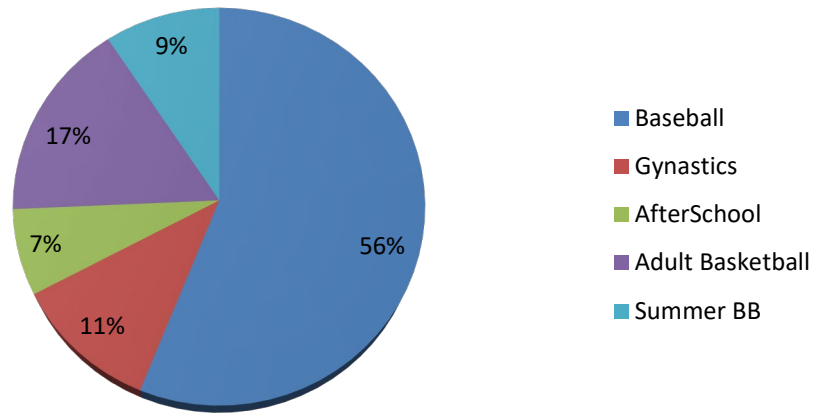
## Mark Your Calendars

- Garden City **Easter Eggstravaganza** April 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Sharon Park 10am – 12Noon.

*The graphs below are visual summaries of the number of participants in Garden City's Recreation Programs/Activities.*



**Top 4 Activities March 2019**



ORDINANCE 2019-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED; TO REZONE, LOT NO. 1, LOT NO. 2, LOT NO. 3, DEAN FOREST COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY KATHERINE C. WARD AS THE EXECUTRIX UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN NICK CONSTANTINE, SR., DECEASED, FROM THEIR PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF "P-C2A" TO AN "I-1" ZONING CLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, hereby ordains and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same:

Section 1: That the zoning ordinance and zoning map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, be amended so that the following described property presently owned Katherine C. Ward as the Executrix under the Last Will and Testament of John Nick Constantine, Sr., Deceased, be rezoned from their present "P-C2A" zoning classification to a zoning classification of "I-1":

All those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land situate, lying, and being in the City of Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia, known as Lot No. 1, Lot No. 2, and Lot No. 3, Dean Forest Commercial Subdivision, having been assigned Property Identification Numbers by the Tax Assessor of Chatham County, Georgia, of 6-0989-04-002B as to Lot No. 1, Dean Forest Commercial Subdivision, 6-0989-04-002 as to Lot No. 2, Dean Forest Commercial Subdivision, and 6-0989-04-002A as to Lot No. 3, Dean Forest Commercial Subdivision.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Received and Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Don Bethune, Mayor

Read First Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Read Second Time and Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.04, ARTICLE II, OF THE CHARTER OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-35-4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AS AMENDED; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority thereof:

**WHEREAS**, Garden City, Georgia (the "City"), is a municipal corporation located within Chatham County, Georgia, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.04, Article II, of the City's Charter establishes the monthly compensation to be paid to the Mayor and Council at \$300.00 per Councilmember and \$500.00 for the Mayor.

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council presently desire an increase in compensation to be commensurate with the work done in and for the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to amend Section 2.04, Article II, of the City's Charter to reflect the compensation increase; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 36-35-4 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated, municipalities are authorized to fix the compensation of its elected officials via its Home Rule powers provided such intent is published in a local organ for once a week for at least three consecutive weeks prior to the week of adoption; and,

**WHEREAS**, an increase in compensation for the Mayor and Council would make the City competitive with surrounding municipalities; and,

**WHEREAS**, such increase would become effective in January 2020 immediately after the taking of office of the portion of the Mayor and Council who shall be elected at the next regular municipal election on November 5, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, such increase is not being taking during the period of time beginning with the date that candidates for membership on the Mayor and Council may first qualify for the next regular municipal election on November 5, 2019, and ending with the date elected members of the Mayor and Council shall take office in January 2020 following their election; and,

**WHEREAS**, the expense reimbursement procedure covered by Section 2.04 of the City's Charter for the Mayor and Council shall not be changed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, as follows:

Section 1: That Section 2.04, Article II, of the Charter of Garden City, Georgia, be amended so that

Section 2.04 shall read as follows:



“Sec. 2.04. Compensation and Expenses.

- a) The Mayor shall receive monthly compensation in the amount of \$800.00 and Councilmembers shall each receive monthly compensation in the amount of \$500.00 for their respective services which may thereafter be increased or decreased by ordinance passed pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- b) The Mayor and City Councilmembers shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office.”

Section 2: That a copy of this proposed amendment to the Charter of Garden City, Georgia, shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Garden City, Georgia, and a “Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Charter of Garden City, Georgia” attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof, be published in the official organ of Chatham County, Georgia, once a week for three consecutive weeks within a period of sixty (60) days immediately preceding its final adoption and a copy of said advertisement be attached to this ordinance prior to its final adoption by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia.

Section 3: That all ordinances and parts ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 4: That this Ordinance shall become effective in January 2020 immediately after the taking of office of the portion of the Mayor and Council who shall be elected at the next regular municipal election on November 5, 2019.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Don Bethune, Mayor

Read First Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Read Second Time and Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT "A"

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
THIS CHARTER OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA**

Notice is hereby given that an ordinance has been introduced to amend the Charter of Garden City, Georgia, said ordinance being captioned as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.04, ARTICLE II, OF THE CHARTER OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-35-4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AS AMENDED; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

A copy of the proposed ordinance and charter amendment is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Garden City, Georgia, for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public.

This \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council  
For Garden City, Georgia

## **GARDEN CITY RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Garden City, Georgia, desires to enter into a contract for road repair work that includes the milling, leveling, and resurfacing of Pineland Drive (21' R/W) (1,900 linear feet from Tower Drive to 4913 Pineland Drive), Leon Village Road (21' R/W) (412 linear feet from Third Street to the new pavement near Oak Street), and Leon Village Road (21' R/W) (860 linear feet from Third Street to Highway 21), all such work constituting the 2019 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Project encompassing the FY2019 budget allocation of \$150,351.00 (the "Contract Work"); and,

WHEREAS, the City, through its retained engineer, Brennan Jones Engineering Associates, LLC, solicited competitive bids pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-91-21 for the performance of the Contract Work; and,

WHEREAS, the invitation of bids was advertised in January 2019 with the opening date set forth therein, and the City opened said bids on February 14, 2019, with the results being as follows:

| <u>Contractor</u>         | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Sikes Brothers, Inc.      | \$ 125,500.00     |
| Reeves Construction Co.   | \$ 144,517.00     |
| McLendon Enterprises      | \$ 167, 661.00    |
| Preferred Materials, Inc. | \$ 186,370.00     |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, that based upon the recommendation of Brennan Engineering Associates, LLC, Sikes Brothers, Inc., is determined to be the lowest responsible bidder at the bid amount of \$125,500.00, and that a contract for the performance of the Contract Work be awarded to such bidder with provisions set forth therein addressing any legitimate change orders or major work plan modifications which may arise due to unforeseen/unanticipated field conditions and which, together with the engineering fees of \$12,500.00, shall be funded by the difference of \$24,851.00 between the budgeted cost (\$150,351.00) and the actual cost of the Contract Work (\$125,500.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contract Work will be partially funded by the LMIG funds in the total approximate amount of \$99,000.00 which the City was awarded in FY2019 for the above-mentioned project, with the City funding the balance from General Fund surplus monies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the contract in the name of the City, with the City Clerk's attestation to said Manager's signature.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of April, 2019.

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RHONDA FERRELL-BOWLES, Clerk of Council

Received and approved this 1st day of April, 2019.

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DON BETHUNE, Mayor